GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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REVIEW OF SCHEMES FOR BPL FAMILIES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the poverty alleviation schemes have proved to be ineffective;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether any review regarding various schemes for the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families has been made by the Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof:

(e) whether Government propose to review the existing pattern for identifying the BPL beneficiaries;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the details of the beneficiaries of different programmes being announced by the Government for BPL families, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing, inter alia, the Swarnjayanti GramSwarozgar Yojana (SGSY), the Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) and the IndiraAwaas Yojana (IAY) exclusively for the benefit of BPL persons living in rural areas. The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution is implementing the Targeted PublicDistribution Scheme (TPDS) and the Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) for the benefit of BPLfamilies. These Schemes are regularly reviewed. The Ministry of Rural Development reviews its Programmes through Meetings of the Performance Review Committee, the Area Officers`Scheme, Monthly Progress Reports and discussions with the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) All the States and Union Territories have been advised to initiate a BPL Census duringthe current year for identifying the persons living below the poverty line (BPL) in the rural areas.A score-based Survey Schedule, containing 13 socio-economic indicators, has been introduced for this purpose and the BPL list is to be prepared on the basis of the outcome of the Census. Thebeneficiaries of the Programmes of the Ministry are identified by the Gram Sabhas from the BPL list, which itself is to be approved by them.

(g) The number of beneficiaries under the Programmes during the year, 2001-2002, State- wise, is given in the Statement at Annexure.